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January 26, 2025



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Family Mass Every Sunday at 9:00AM.
Adoration Every Monday 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday, January 27

7:00 AM† Antonio Rubbo (14th Anniversary)
5:30 PM † Alyssa Collier

Tuesday, January 28

7:00 AM† Msgr. John F. Cavanaugh
5:30 PM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 29

NO MASS

Thursday, January 30

7:00 AM NO MASS
5:30 AM† Rita Smith

Friday, January 31

7:00 AM† Albert Bruno
5:30 PM† Grace Gillespie

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, February 1

5:15 PM† Bridget & Michael O'Gara

Sunday, February 2

7:30 AM† For Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
9:00 AM† Barbara Giancaspro
11:30 AM† Angelina Vescio
5:00 PM Intentions of Parents: Elizabeth, Anna, & Kazi



*The Sanctuary Candle burns
January 26th through February 1st
in memory of Jean Montana.*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord,
and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Please remember in your prayers:

Lorraine Halasz Dorothy Palumbo
Margaret Currie

We extend our sympathy to their families & friends.

Confession in Church

Every Saturday

4:00pm until 4:30pm

Or by Appointment

Rectory:

Rev. Ralph Segura
Pastor (ext.19)

Rectory Staff:

Cathy Lauder
Parish Secretary (ext. 10)

Religious Ed Office:

(203) 866-1189
Patty Frattaroli, DRE
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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9 - 4**
Closed Wednesday, Saturday, & Sunday

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(203) 434-6488

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2025

2024

January 19

Collection	\$3,434.00	\$4,066.00
On-Line	\$2,190.00	\$2,507.00
Diocesan Assessment	(\$1,547.00)	(\$1,506.00)
Net Retained	<u>\$4,077.00</u>	<u>\$5,067.00</u>

Votives \$ 130.54 \$ 94.88

California Fire Victims

Collection \$1,712.00

Diocesan Assessment

The assessment is used to cover the cost of Diocesan operations and schools. The formula is based on all gross receipts. For our 2025 fiscal year, the annual Cathedralricum Assessment is \$80,448. This equates to a weekly payment of \$1,547. This represents an annual increase of \$2,124.00 from the prior year.

We welcome the newly Baptized into the
Parish Family of St. Thomas the Apostlg.

Sophia Czeclia Scarinci

Maliya Lydia Barnes

Savannah Lynn Magen

Sebastian Amir Magen

*Congratulations to their parents,
families, & friends!*

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY

We update our website as things change in our parish & diocese. There are many useful pages such as "Senior Info", "Events in Our Diocese", & "Useful Links". We have an interactive Google Calendar where you can add to your personal calendar with a simple click on the item. All forms are available as fillable PDFs. Most questions can be answered by visiting the website. **If you know of any organization that may be useful to our community, please contact the office so we may add it to our website upon approval.**

Last week to give!!!

2024 Challenge Grant Must be received by January 31

The Challenge Grant is currently in progress. Our benevolent family has, once again, agreed to match up to \$60,000 of your contributions. The gift envelopes have gone out. If you have not received one & wish to contribute, please use this form or take a donation card located at the entrances of the church. Thanks to all of you have already pledge or donated.

THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE!

If you like to sing, please consider joining our Parish Choir. We have our regular rehearsals on Sunday from 10:45 to 11:15am & sing at the 11:30am Mass. We have special rehearsals for Christmas & Easter typically on Wednesday evenings leading up to the holiday. For more information, speak to Marge Kelley, our Music Director, after the 5:15pm, 9:00am, or 11:30am Mass OR send an email to margaretkelley24@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities New Outlook Counseling is here to help!

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Signature _____

CONSIDER JOINING THE SCOUTS! SCOUT TROOP 222

We welcome new members age 11 -17. Meetings are Thursdays, 7pm - 8:30pm, in the Parish Center gym and follow the school year calendar. We need at least 5 girls in order to have girls at the meetings. For more information about Troop 222, please call the office.

**FROM THE CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY OF THE
SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL
(SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM, NN. 7-8. 106)**

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where *Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle.* With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; *we wait for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.*

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God *who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

From the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. III, Ordinary Time, Weeks 1-17, Catholic Book Publishing Co., NY, 1975, pp. 110-112.

MEN'S RETREAT



2nd Annual Men's Retreat
Hosted by: St. Matthew Knights of Columbus
Date: Saturday, February 8
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
Speaker: Fr. Miguel Betancur Lenis

St. Matthew Knights of Columbus Council 14360 will be sponsoring its Second Annual Men's Retreat in preparation for Lent.

We will begin with 9:00am Mass at St. Matthew Church followed by a short break with coffee and snacks in the Great Room. This will be followed by talks and prayers with Father Miguel. Lunch will be served between 12:30pm and 1:00pm with the day wrapping up between 1:30pm and 2:00pm.

Please consider bringing a bag of non-perishables (i.e., cereal, canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce) as a donation to the St. Matthew Food Pantry.

Register by Feb. 3, 2025



REGISTER NOW



Holy Hour for Vocations
Second Thursday of every month
7:00-8:00pm, St. Theresa Church
5301 Main Street Trumbull

Sponsored by the Lay Dominicans, Our Lady of Fatima Fraternity. All are welcome to attend. For more information about the Lay Dominicans, please contact Mrs. Michelle Rowe, O.P. Formation Director, by phone, (203) 218-6882, or email, orapronobis20@gmail.com.



Birthright is in need of gently worn *baby & maternity clothing*. Please call to arrange a drop off. They also need volunteers (especially Spanish speaking). Opportunities include friendship counseling, clerical, & clothing work. Training is provided. Please call for more information: (203) 853-4872.

PRAY For Our Men and Women Serving our Country

Theresa Cole, US Marine Corps
Mike Lupinacci, US Marine Corps
CW5 Sgt. Douglas Ortiz, Jr., US Army
Sfc. Ramil Penserga, US Army
LCDR Scott C. Pennoyer, US Navy
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UT2 PO2 Edward Skeen, US Navy
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after hours **non-perishable** donations in the
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Before Any
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Mass at 6:30am
Monday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 4:45pm

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If you would like to add or removed a name from this prayer list, please email or call the office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish that may be restored to health and that all who ASSIST and CARE for them will be given the strength to continue their Christian service. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Tim/Debbie Reddock	James Amrich	Theresa Buono	Linda Lima	Merina Deluc	George Travers
Pearl Futo	Robert Parmalee	Mike Torres	Emily Calabrese	Anne Edwards	Phil Tavella
Jack Cade	Constance Williams	Skip Bossone	Marie Silver	Grace DeMilo	Hamilton Family
Gary Livia	Peggy McDonald	Kimberly Fratloni	Jeanette Ralston	Pam Simso	Anthony Bruno
Julia Cade	Marianne Schambeck	Cathy Sinica	Richard Berg	Jeannetta Torres	Angela McCrae
Jeannie Maxwell	Michele Mola-Gulemi	Richard Barton	Antonio Vescio	Diane Turek	Debbie Poruban
Vicki	Betty Lou Heffernan	Joan Kennedy	Chuck Scott	Jackie Hamilton	Denise Cassin
Ginny DeMarco	1 st Sgt. Joe Toscano (Ret.)	Alessandro Fornara	David R.	John Lima	Paul Rohan
Mike D.	Nancy G.	Jackson P.	Holly Sanders	Robert Podlaski	Jeff Mallory
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David Franco	Laura Wade	Joe Garrity	Tim Cole	Tim Brosnan	Mary Chaloupa
Ramona Bouffard	Joan Malkin	Joan Milone	Christine DiCorato	Hildegard Noonan	Lazarus Massey



DID YOU KNOW...you must complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation) in order to be a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation? Do you, or someone you know, want to join the Catholic Church? Then the OCIA (Order of Christians Initiation for Adults) program is for you!! Just call the parish office at (203) 866-3141 for more information.

Procedure for Baptisms & Weddings

Please go to the homepage of our website, click on Parish Registration and Sacramental Requests. Choose the fillable form that you need and follow the instructions at the top of the webpage. To reserve the church for your desired wedding date, please contact the parish office at least 9 months to 1 year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory anytime.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:30 PM **Weekdays:** By appointment

Prayer Requests!

Please contact the St. Thomas Prayer Ministry. Call Sue Wegiel at (203) 838-4088 with your prayer request or email her at wegiesj@hotmail.com. If you cannot reach Sue, please call the office at (203) 866-3141.

**The Food Pantry is open
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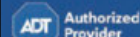
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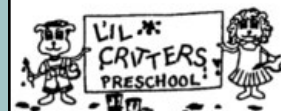
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